

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph numbered [8] with the following rewritten paragraph:

--[0008] It is preferred that the resilient material will have a hardness of between 50 and 80 shore hardness and preferably between 60 and 70 shore hardness. The durometer reading is based on the Shore A scale. It is usual that the blind fastener will either comprise a closed end or an open end blind rivet, usually manufactured from metal such as aluminum or steel.--

Please replace the paragraph numbered [17] with the following rewritten paragraph:

--[0017] For the specific purposes of achieving a shock absorbing function, the front end portion (28) of the rivet body (16) is, in this embodiment provided with a cylindrical sleeve (36) of a resiliently deformable material such as a soft plastic material, an elastomeric compound or of a silicone based rubber compound. The sleeve (36) will preferably have a hardness of between 50 and 80 shore hardness and ideally between 60 and 70 shore. The durometer reading is based on the Shore A scale. The sleeve (36) has an outer diameter of between 90% and 99% the external diameter of the flange (18) (although if so required could have a greater external diameter). Here, the flange (18) serves as an end stop to retain the sleeve from being displaced away from the rivet (10) once set (as shown in FIG. 2) and thus requires sufficient overlap to achieve this function. The inner diameter of the sleeve (36) corresponds to the outer diameter D of the front end portion (28) so as to be frictionally received thereon. This sleeve (36) can be pre-formed and simply slidably received onto the rivet body (16) or can be moulded directly thereto if so required. Although not shown, the front end portion (28) of the rivet body could be provided with a series of indents or projections to enhance an attachment of this sleeve thereon, whether it be slidably received or whether it is directly moulded thereto.--